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### WATER AREAS ON WATERFOWL BREEDING GROUNDS TWICE AS ABUNDANT AS LAST YEAR, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Water areas vital to waterfowl nesting success are now twice as numerous as they were last year in the prairie pothole regions of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Leslie L. Glasgow announced today.

A survey by the Interior Department's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the Canadian Wildlife Service late in June showed 1,260,000 water areas compared to 615,000 in 1968.

Dr. Glasgow, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Parks, and Marine Resources, said the Bureau's studies showed duck breeding populations as high as last year's, although lower than they were from 1956 to 1962.

The Bureau found numbers of mallards and canvasbacks were similar to those of 1968. Blue-winged teal and pintails were somewhat more abundant than in 1968, while gadwalls and green-winged teal were somewhat less abundant.

The number of early-hatched duck broods was markedly increased over a year ago, but final estimates of the size of duck flights next fall await brood and habitat surveys later this month.

At his time, however, the Bureau believes prospects are much better than last year.

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